

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A portable support apparatus comprising:

5 a main cross member having a first end and a second end;

10 a first leg and a second leg each having a first end and a second end, the first leg pivoting at a first end thereof about a substantially vertical axis at the first end of the main cross member, the second leg pivoting at a first end thereof about a substantially vertical axis at the second end of the main cross member, the first and second legs limited in their motion by two locking pins and detent holes;

15 a plurality of caster assemblies attached to the first and second ends of the first and second legs, each pivoting about a substantially vertical axis; and

20 a vertical support and handle assembly attached to the main cross member via hinge means for pivoting along a substantially horizontal axis, the vertical support and handle assembly including mounting pins suitable for attachment of a lifting and transfer device.